

## THE BRAXTON STORY UNTRUE SAYS DOVENER.

Represents the Charges Made in Democratic Papers With Feeling.  
Will Let People Decide.

## GROSS PERVERSION OF TRUTH

Is the Statement That the Opposition Did Not Have Fair Play—Will Answer in Person.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—Representative Dovener, returned to-night, with considerable feeling, to the charges made in Democratic papers, and copied into or commented on by other papers, concerning the manner in which he has conducted his canvass for re-nomination. He referred particularly to the report from Democratic sources of the proceedings in Braxton county, where, it is charged, unfair advantage was taken in order to secure the endorsement of his candidacy by the Republican convention.

"As heretofore stated to the Intelligence," said Mr. Dovener, "I am, and have been, perfectly willing to permit the people to decide whether or not I shall return to Congress. I have done my duty, as I have been permitted to understand it, and have no hesitancy in saying that the citizens for whom I have labored have a right to say, whether or not I have met their expectations."

"Ordinarily, I do not reply to aspersions, but the statement recently published in a Democratic paper, questioning the fairness of my friends in Braxton county, is so gross a perversion of the truth that I am obliged to notice it. The statement was untrue, as the Republicans of the county will willingly attest."

"I shall only say, in addition, that I shall be in Fairmont on the 8th of May, ready to meet and refute the charges of unfairness and of failure to do my duty, not only by documentary proof, but by the word of those who know the facts connected with the Braxton convention, and who will be in Fairmont on the occasion named. I shall soon thereafter be in Moundsville, where the charge, if not made, has been insinuated, that my friends in Braxton were unfair, and I shall also be in Wheeling, ready on both occasions to disprove these accusations."

**Speaks Before a Post.**  
Captain Dovener said he was obliged to denounce the subject with this statement, as at the time of speaking a committee was in waiting to convey him to the Soldiers' Home, near this city, where he is to deliver, by invitation, an address before Henry Wilson post, of the G. A. R. He will, to-morrow, accompany the river and harbor committee to Baltimore, to inspect the harbor there.

The sundry civil bill, making appropriations for governmental expenses for the year ending June 30, 1901, now before the house contains the following items of interest to West Virginia:

"For continuing construction of dams, numbered 2, 4, and 5, between Davis Island dam and dam numbered 6, \$400,000. Continuing improvement of Big Sandy river by the construction of two locks, and dams between Louisa and the mouth of the river, \$250,000.

"For improvement of Monongahela. Improving Monongahela river, completing improvement at locks numbered 3 and 6, by the construction of a floating plant, as authorized March 3, 1899, \$35,000.

"Ohio river for continuing construction of dams numbered 12 and 13, \$470,000."

Representative Dovener is in receipt of a letter from the chief of engineers, United States army, upon the project of improvement of the Ohio river along the West Virginia front, according to survey from Pittsburgh to Marietta.

The letter was in response to Mr. Dovener's inquiry. It demonstrates that the total cost of improvement will be \$10,200,000.

Continuing appropriations of \$100,000 for preliminary work of commencing the construction of dams 12 and 13, and authorized the letting of contracts for these dams, which are located, respectively, near Wheeling and Marietta.

**Everything Ready for Work.**  
General Wilson, chief of engineers, says all special surveys for location and the necessary borings for determining sites of these two locks and dams, have been completed, sites have been selected, acquisition of land authorized, and the attorney general has instructed the proper United States attorneys to render legal assistance in the securing and examination of titles.

In his annual report, General Wilson submitted an estimate of \$470,000 as the amount that can be profitably expended in these works in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901. He says in his letter also, that "the statement that no single dam or other improvement has been located, projected, or constructed along the river from West Virginia, is in error. One of the two initial dams of the series contemplated between Marietta and Bevers has been located on the West Virginia front. The project contemplated between more dams, within the limits of West Virginia. The work is proceeding just as rapidly as law and budget one and proper work permits."

**An Important Treaty.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—The treaty in executive session to-day ratified a treaty negotiated with all the

maritime nations of the world, extending the Geneva conference regulations to naval warfare. These regulations have long applied to war on land and under the treaty hospital ships will be under the same protection as hospital tents and buildings on land.

## REORGANIZATION BILL

Passes the Senate—Military Circles Consider it the Most Important of the Session—Miles to be a Lieutenant-General.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—Today's session of the senate was rendered especially noticeable by the passage, after a debate lasting only three hours, of the army reorganization bill. In military circles the measure is regarded as one of the most important of the present session. It practically revolutionizes the present staff arrangements of the army. It proposes to change the present system of permanent appropriations in certain staff corps to one of detail by a gradual process, as the officers now in those corps go out of active service. As vacancies occur in departments of the adjutant general, the inspector general, quartermaster general and commissary general, they are to be filled by details from the line, the details to be temporary and not to exceed four years. The new system is not applied to the corps of engineers, medical department, pay department or judge advocate general's department.

**Artillery Corps Established.**  
The bill discontinues the regimental organization of the artillery and establishes an artillery corps of two branches, viz: 120 batteries of coast artillery, and 12 batteries of field artillery, with a total of 37,440 men.

It provides for an increase of one hundred in the corps of cadets at West Point, two at large from each state and ten more to the present number of twenty from the United States at large. The rank of the commanding general of the army is raised to that of lieutenant general, and that of the adjutant general to major general, the latter being during the incumbency of the present adjutant general, General Corbin. The President is empowered to place on the retired list any officer who has been suspended from duty by sentence of court-martial, or by executive order in mitigation of such sentence, for a period extending to or within one year of the time of his compulsory retirement for age. This is well understood to apply to Commissary General Egan.

An amendment creating a veterinary corps for the army, consisting of a colonel and thirty-five other commissioned officers, was attached to the bill after a spirited debate, the amendment being adopted by a vote of twenty-five to twenty-three.

**Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—The house made fair progress to-day with the sundry civil appropriation bill, completing seventy-three of the 132 pages of the bill. Much of the time today was consumed in an effort of the members of the naval committee to cripple the coast and geodetic survey in retaliation for the refusal of the house to agree to their recommendation when the naval bill was before the house to place the survey of the waters of our insular possessions in the hands of the navy.

## SAD SEQUEL

To the Marriage of Miss Porterfield to Judge Mackey—Will be Sent to Government Insane Asylum.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—A sad sequel to the marriage not long ago of the brilliant Miss Porterfield, of Charles Town, West Virginia, and ex-Judge Mackey, of South Carolina, was developed to-day in the supreme court of the District of Columbia, when, upon the formal application of the authorities, proceedings were instituted to have Mrs. Mackey sent to St. Elizabeth's, the government asylum for the insane. The application was made upon the motion of Mrs. Mackey's father, Col. Porterfield. Judge and Mrs. Mackey have been residing in this city.

According to reports, he was arrested and indicted upon a charge of bigamy. It is said the charge against him has been abandoned, and it is also rumored that he contemplates proceedings for a divorce from the wife now believed to be insane.

Senator Scott went to Philadelphia to-day, to assist the sub-committee of which he is a member, in perfecting the preliminaries for the big Republican convention to be held there next month.

**England Will Meet the Complaint.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—In view of the fact that the justness of the complaint of the captain of the Sea Witch against the British naval officers, who boarded his vessel, off the coast of Portuguese East Africa, can be determined only by an inquiry made upon the scene where the boarding took place, it is said at the state department, that some time must elapse before the facts can be known here. The officials have not the least doubt that the British government will meet the complaint in the proper spirit and strictly observe the requirements of international law respecting boarding rights.

**Postmasters Confirmed.**  
WASHINGTON, May 4.—The senate to-day confirmed the following nominations of Ohio postmasters:  
P. House, Shreve; T. G. Moore, Barnevill; F. S. Chasler, Jr., Elmwood.

**Kanawha & Michigan Advances.**  
NEW YORK, May 4.—There was no special news to account for the three point advance in Kanawha & Michigan. The stock was bought up by Philadelphia houses to-day, and country advanced on the buying. The majority of the stock is held by the Toledo & Ohio Central, only about 27,000 shares being held by outsiders.

## THE SECOND SURRENDER OF OUR ADMIRAL.

This Time He Lowers His Colors to Ten Thousand School Children of St. Louis.

## NOT OLD ENOUGH TO BE UNCLE

Inspiring Scene When the Vast Audience, With Waving Flags, Sang "The Red, White and Blue."

ST. LOUIS, May 4.—Ten thousand Sunday school children waving American flags cheered and sang sacred and patriotic songs in honor of Admiral Dewey, at the public reception at the exposition building to-day. The song service, which was the last of a series of functions that occupied the time of the day, took place late in the afternoon at a public reception given in the big building in which four years ago President McKinley was nominated, and was attended by an audience that packed the edifice almost to suffocation.

The two days celebration in honor of Admiral Dewey began this morning with a short informal reception on the floor of the Merchants' Exchange, trading being entirely suspended in the pits during the visit of the distinguished guest. This reception was limited to members of the exchange and their families, but the big hall and the galleries around it were packed when a wild cheer announced the arrival of Admiral and Mrs. Dewey and the members of the admiral's party. Escorted by President Whitelaw, of the Merchants' Exchange, the admiral ascended the rostrum, and after a few brief remarks by President Whitelaw, Mayor Ziegenhain made a characteristic speech, bidding the admiral warm welcome to St. Louis. The admiral replied thanking the citizens of St. Louis for his reception.

**Not Ready to be Called "Uncle."**  
"But I'm not ready to be called 'Uncle George Dewey,' of America," said the mayor suggests, "I am with a smile. 'At least not yet. I'm not old enough.'"

Immediately after the reception at the exchange, the party took carriages and were driven along the boulevards and private driveways leading through the beautiful residence district of the West End and thence to Forest Park. Near the entrance to the park, just opposite the Blair monument, the admiral's carriage was stopped for a moment, while a hundred girl students of Forest Park University presented him with an immense bunch of American beauty roses and gave their college yell in response to his thanks. The drive along the park boulevards was a continual ovation for the admiral. During the three-quarters of an hour spent by the party in driving through the park, the carriages were followed by hundreds of vehicles laden with enthusiastic people, and by the time the admiral reached the exit of the park, the procession of vehicles, horsemen and bicyclists on each side, and behind was miles long.

At 1.1 p. m. the party was driven to the University Club for lunch, and an informal reception and shortly after the carriages were driven to the exposition building, for the public reception.

**The Crowd Waited Patiently.**  
For hours a crowd inside the building numbering fully 20,000, including the Sunday school children, waited patiently for the coming of the admiral, while thousands of others, denied admittance, filled for blocks the streets leading to the building. The admiral, leading with wild cheering by the crowd outside, but his real reception came when the children inside the building saw him walking down the steps leading to the section reserved for the admiral's party. In an instant every person in the building was standing up, shouting and cheering, while in the hands of the frantic children the waving flags looked like a sea of the national colors. Then, led by the band, 10,000 childish voices started "The Red, White and Blue," the children at the same time waving their flags. The song was at once taken up by nearly every person in the building, even the admiral standing and holding a small flag in his hand, joining.

**Every One Joined in "America."**  
Then "America" was sung. In this, too, everybody joined, and, as the grand words of the national anthem rang out in a tremendous volume of music, the admiral, visibly agitated, bowed his acknowledgments right and left. At the conclusion of the song, Chairman W. H. McClain, leading two little children, pressed through the crowd:

"In behalf of the children of St. Louis," he said, "I wish to present to you this silk flag, and to Mrs. Dewey these songs."

Then the youngsters flushed and smiling, stepped forward and gave to the admiral a silk flag with the words and music of "On Land and Sea" printed thereon and to Mrs. Dewey a portfolio of the songs of the children printed on white silk. Then the admiral surrendered.

Taking the children in his arms he kissed them heartily and thanked them, while the thousands of less fortunate children looked on and in shrill voices yelled their delight.

Two more songs, "Columbia" and "Dixie," brought the admiral to attention and started the cheering again. At their conclusion the admiral and party were driven to the Planter's hotel and from there until 8 o'clock, Admiral and Mrs. Dewey remained in their apartments.

## NEW CREED NEEDED.

Rev. Pollock Says No One Believes in the Doctrine of Predestination. Divorced People Have No Right to Re-Marry.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.  
BUCKHANNON, W. Va., May 4.—Buckhannon pastors this week stirred their congregations with sermons along unusual lines. Rev. Pollock, of the Presbyterian church, preached on the revision of the creed of that church and said that this was house cleaning time and the Presbyterian church had dragged its antique furniture to the front veranda, and, as usual, had gotten the wrong side to the public. He is in favor of a revision of the confession of faith or a short Irenic creed, and said that the doctrine of predestination could well be omitted, as no one believed it and no minister preached it. Mr. Pollock said it was not so much a revision of creed the church needed, as a revision of life.

## GOES AFTER DIVORCED PEOPLE.

Dr. Lane, of the U. B. church, took for the subject of his discourse, "What does the New Testament say of divorced and divorced people re-marrying?" The doctor condemned divorce and said that the re-marrying of divorced people was a crime against God and man, and that the ministers who sanctioned these ceremonies were deliberate violators of God's command and with a word cast a shadow upon purity. He said the practice a "blot from hell," and gave as the remedy that the ministers refuse to officiate at the ceremonies where one of the parties is a divorced person and that the people cause to be enacted a uniform divorce law, which will be a safeguard to the home and purity of the nation.

Both sermons have caused no little comment.

## DWELLING HOUSES BURN.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.  
BUCKHANNON, W. Va., May 4.—Fire destroyed the dwelling house occupied by M. E. Bennett, a section hand, and owned by A. M. Poundstone, this morning. It originated in the attic from a defective fuse, and was discovered in time by the neighbors who assisted Mr. Bennett in saving his effects. Loss, about \$500; insurance \$250.

## FELL AND BROKE HIS BACK.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.  
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 4.—Samuel Walden, a wealthy merchant of Coalville, Ohio, near here, was instantly killed this afternoon, while constructing a private telephone line from his home to his store. Mr. Walden, who was at the top of a twenty-five foot pole, lost his hold and fell to the ground, breaking his back.

## TERSE TELEGRAMS.

Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria has appointed Emperor William field marshal general of the Austrian army. Secretary Root has recovered sufficiently from his recent indisposition to enable him to resume his official duties. Congressman Henry S. Boutell was Friday renominated by acclamation in the Sixth district (Ill.) Republican convention.

The striking car repairers, inspectors, etc., of the New York Central have all reported for duty, and work is progressing as usual.

Col. M. H. Day, prominent in the business and politics of the Black Hills since 1878, died yesterday of appendicitis, at Deadwood, S. D.

The taking of testimony in the Couer d'Alene investigation closed last night, after having continued uninterrupted since February 19, a period of nearly three months.

The navy department has received from Captain Chadwick the acknowledgment of the receipt by him of the department's letter of reprimand, which he was directed to return.

The Kansas India relief committee has instructed Secretary Anderson to order the purchase of 20,000 bushels of corn in New York, to be loaded in a relief ship which sails next week for Bombay.

The strike of the employees of the Big Consolidated street railway company, of Cleveland, which resulted in much rioting during its progress last summer, has just been formally declared off by the union.

The prohibition of the importation of cattle from South America has caused consternation among shippers and butchers at Cleveland, and the cattle and sheep have advanced to the highest quotations since 1893.

Cardinal Richard, the archbishop of Paris, yesterday performed the ceremony of the consecration of the chapel in the Rue Jean Gonjon, erected to the memory of the charity bazaar victims, by Count and Countess Castellane.

The British steamer Montpelier, of the Elder-DeMotte line of Liverpool, from Cardiff, April 7, and Las Palmas, April 20, for Montreal, while bound up the St. Lawrence, went ashore last night in a dense fog at Duck Island.

The funeral of the late Edward O. Leach, vice president of the National Bank of Commerce, and former director of the mint, who died Tuesday night from pneumonia, occurred yesterday at All Souls church, New York. The body was sent on to Washington for interment.

At a meeting of the municipality of Havana, it was charged that the secret police were a demoralized body and that the municipal police were not much better. It was further alleged that regardless of the abuses were being committed by the secret police.

The City National Bank, one of the oldest and best known financial institutions in Philadelphia, has decided to merge with the Philadelphia National bank, and beginning to-day, all accounts incident to the City National bank will be transferred to the Philadelphia National bank.

Oliver L. Stewart, secretary of the Laird Malleable Iron works, of Huntington, Pa., was instantly killed yesterday, by the bursting of an enemy wheel at the company's works. A piece of the wheel penetrated his heart. Mr. Stewart was the Huntington county Republican choice for state senator in the Huntington and Frank districts.

## MERCENARY TENDENCIES OF BISHOPS.

Methodist General Conference Takes Action to Check the Expense Accounts of these Officers.

## NET WITH INDIGNANT LOOKS.

Question of Amusements Subject of Reform Proposals—Stormy Scenes on the Floor.

CHICAGO, May 4.—Struggling under an avalanche of memorials and resolutions, the Methodist general conference began to-day the real business of its long session. With excited debate it took action to check alleged mercenary tendencies of some of its bishops. Then it appointed committees to make special investigations of some of the great departments of the church work.

Hardly a great reform which has been agitated by Methodists in the past four years was proposed under one aspect or another in the memorials that were submitted. The question of amusements and the time limit for the ministers were both the subject of reform proposals, but these, as well as other questions of deeper importance, were submitted to the standing committees of the conference for thorough consideration.

The scene on the conference floor was even more animated than that of the opening morning, when the provisional delegates were admitted to seats. Half a hundred delegates might be seen on their feet at once, clamoring for the recognition of the chairman, Bishop Warren and the debates were sharp, quick and exciting.

## WARM DEBATES

Some Contend the Church has not Changed Front—Others Take Opposite View.

CHICAGO, May 4.—At to-day's session of the Methodist conference the hours were lightened by some vigorous debates. Dr. Henry Brown, Columbia River conference, brought the amusement question to the fore by offering a resolution which in substance was that the conference should by proper action show the world that the church had not changed front on the amusement question. He asked, to forestall action by those in favor of greater liberality in this matter, that rule 245 of the Book of Discipline be, for the next quadrennial, left substantially unchanged.

## HOT DEBATE ENSUED.

A sharp debate followed, with the result that the resolution was referred to the committee on the state of the church. Dr. A. N. Craft, East Ohio conference, secured the passage of a resolution calling for a committee composed of one member of each conference to inquire into the condition of the Methodist Theological Seminaries. A committee of fifty was appointed to inquire into the matter of the deacons' work.

Dr. William G. Wilson, of Iowa, introduced a resolution, the first part of which was voted stricken out, but this left matter sufficient to cause the most active and vigorous debate of the session. The resolution after being amended, read as follows:

"Resolved, that no bishop or general conference officer shall receive anything above actual expenses for services in the dedication and reopening of churches, attending commencements of Methodist educational institutions, or for any similar services which he might render the church."

## INSINUATION ACCEPTED BY BISHOPS.

The insinuation in the resolutions that the bishops had asked for more than actual expenses in instances was rejected themselves and caused half a dozen gentlemen to clamor for recognition. Dr. Buckley opposed the first part of the resolution, which calling for "liberal support of bishops and general conference officers," was later stricken out, but declared in favor of the remainder of the resolution. He spoke of a scale of salaries in keeping with the duties of the officers. Dr. J. H. Fort, editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate, supported the amended resolution, while Dr. Hardin, presiding elder of the Rock River conference, and Dr. Halloran, of Newark, opposed it.

The amended resolution was adopted. It was resolved to request every Protestant organ in the United States to read to their congregations the bishop's address delivered to the conference yesterday and containing 15,000 words. At 1 p. m. an adjournment was taken.

## Brazil Celebrating Her Discovery.

RIO JANEIRO, May 4.—The celebration of the fourth centenary of the discovery of Brazil, which began yesterday, is in progress to-day, amid great popular enthusiasm. Yesterday the president, Dr. Campos Sales, unveiled at Bahia a monument in honor of Pedro Alvarez de Cabral. Congratulations have been received by the government from Emperor William, King Humbert and the pope.

To-day the president went on board the visiting Portuguese and Italian cruisers.

## DO NOT TO THE FREEZING POINT.

PITTSBURGH, May 4.—There was a heavy frost in this section last night and another to-night. Reports of damage to the fruit crop, vegetables and flowers are coming in from all directions, but just what devastation was wrought, cannot yet be estimated. Last night the mercury dropped to the freezing point and lingered there for quite a while.

## PEASANT UPRISING QUELLED.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, May 4.—The peasant rising at Ruschuk has been quelled by the troops. The ring-leaders have fled to Roumania.

## LAI D TO REST

Funeral of Ex-Senator Waitman T. Willey Largely Attended—Dr. Leach Paid an Eloquent Tribute to His Life.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.  
MORGANTOWN, W. Va., May 4.—The funeral of ex-senator Waitman T. Willey took place this morning and was attended by many hundreds of people. There was a general request that the town be permitted to make the funeral to partake of a public character, but the family refused because of the dislike of the distinguished dead for display of this kind. Notwithstanding this the public schools and University suspended instruction for the day and most of the business houses of the town were closed during the exercises.

A number of well known men from different parts of the state came for the occasion. The exercises were held at the Willey home on Chanery Hill, and were conducted by Rev. Dr. S. V. Leach, the pastor of Mr. Willey's church, assisted by Rev. Dr. H. B. Reynolds, of the University, and Rev. Dr. A. M. Buchanan, of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Leach paid an eloquent tribute to the life and public services of the deceased.

The pall-bearers were from members of the bar as follows:

Active pall-bearers, Frank Cox, Edgar B. Stewart, James C. Frazer, Edward G. Donley, W. E. Glascock, S. F. Glascock, Col. R. E. Fast and Clarence B. Dille. Honorary pallbearers, Hon. John W. Mason and A. S. Hayden, of Fairmont; Joseph Moreland, Judge R. L. Berkshire, R. M. Brown, Major John J. Brown, Judge Okay Johnson and George C. Sturges.

## ARRESTED FOR SWINDLING.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.  
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 4.—A. M. Collins, salesman for the Chicago picture company, of Pittsburgh, was arrested here this afternoon, charged with swindling H. C. Craig, of Marietta, out of a considerable sum of money. Money answering the description of that stolen from Craig was taken from Collins. He was taken to Marietta this afternoon for examination. Collins gives his home as Baltimore.

## FRUIT SUFFERS BY FROST.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.  
PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 4.—Last night was the coldest on record for May, the temperature falling to thirty degrees. Early vegetables, cantelopes and watermelons will be a total loss, and peaches, plums and other fruits are reported badly damaged. The financial loss to truck farmers and fruit growers through out the entire valley is very heavy.

## CAUGHT BETWEEN BOX CARS.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.  
CLARKSBURG, W. Va., May 4.—Chauncey Henderson, an employee of the Clarksburg high grade shale brick company, while attempting to cross the tracks near the old Baltimore & Ohio depot here, was caught between two box cars, and instantly killed. He was a single man, and about thirty-five years of age.

## MINING AND TRADING COMPANY.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.  
CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 4.—The Virginia Mining and Trading Company, principal office at Wheeling, capital stock of \$50,000, of which \$800 is paid in, was incorporated to-day. The incorporators are: Charles J. Rawling, Harry M. Schmidt, Sam. Hugh Brockunier, Simon Kline, H. F. Behrens and Edward A. Stifel, all of Wheeling.

## TAKEN TO A SANITARIUM.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligence.  
CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 4.—Mayor Smith has been taken to Cincinnati for treatment in a private sanitarium. His mental condition is very critical.

## WITHDRAW FROM THE SUIT.

PITTSBURGH, May 4.—The executive board of the window glass workers' association at a meeting here adopted a resolution withdrawing as party to the suits entered against certain glass firms in Indiana for alleged violation of the state anti-trust laws. This practically means that these suits will be discontinued and that the American Glass Company can do business in Indiana without opposition from the glassworkers' association.

## AMERICAN SHEET METAL COMPANY.

PITTSBURGH, May 4.—A combination to be known as the American Sheet Metal Company, is being organized with a capital of \$50,000, and a meeting will be held in Canton, Ohio, Monday to complete the organization. The combine takes in twenty-nine plants throughout the country. The total number being thirty-five.

## MANUFACTURERS OF GLASS MEET.

PITTSBURGH, May 4.—The national association of manufacturers of pressed and blown glass ware in session here, elected the following officers: President, James Giltner, Philadelphia; vice president, W. S. Brady, Moundsville, W. Va.; treasurer, D. J. Wilson, Tarentum, Pa.; secretary, W. A. B. Dalzell, Findlay, Ohio.

## THE CHESS TOURNEY.

LONDON, May 4.—The masters' and amateur chess tourney was concluded to-night at the City of London chess club. Lee drew his adjourned game with Blackburne, and Ward and Mason decided of Jones. The prizes were awarded as follows: Telegraph, first; Gunberg and Mason divided second and third, and Ward took the fourth.

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## "ONWARD TO PRETORIA" IS THE WAR CRY.

Boer Capital the Objective Point of the English—Latter Extending in Every Direction.

## GEN. KITCHENER AT BRANDFORT

French's Cavalry Sweeping the Country Northward—London is Greatly Cheered.

LONDON, May 5, 4:05 a. m.—The mounted infantry with Lord Roberts among whom are the Canadians, have picked their horses on the south bank of the Vet river, eighteen miles north of Brandfort. The head of Lord Roberts' columns has thus advanced thirty-two miles from Karoo Sliding in two days, or fifty-three miles north of Bloemfontein. Little power was spent. The British work was hard marching, the Boers retreating out of the reach of the British shells. The correspondents supplement Lord Roberts' plain statements with a few details. As General Hutton, with the first mounted infantry brigade drew near Brandfort he saw a khaki clad body of troops ahead of him. He was surprised, but thought they must be the British. Soon, however, they opened fire on the British, who replied heavily. They were the Irish-American brigade from Lourenco Marques and it is reported that the Irish lost heavily.

## GAVE UP THE KEY TO THE ENGLISH.

The Boer flag was flying over Brandfort as the British entered the town. Several British wounded were found in the hospital. The Boer postmaster gave up the keys of the public business to Captain Ross.

General Kitchener arrived at Brandfort at noon and Lord Roberts at dusk. General French's cavalry are sweeping the country northward. The expectation is that the infantry advance will be continued toward Kroonstad immediately. Although no prisoners were taken and although hot pursuit was attempted the news greatly cheered London. Nevertheless it has been received with the fine capture that attended the first successes of Lord Roberts.

General Hunter's crossing the Vaal at Windsorton brings the relief of Mafeking, 195 miles beyond, almost within a calculable interval. It is now regarded as quite possible that Mafeking may be succeeded before the queen's birthday.

## HAS INJURED THE GOVERNMENT.

The debate in parliament on the Spion Kop dispatches prove a disappointment to the supporters of the government. The ministerial papers confess to a certain amount of inconsistency and weakness in the statements of the spokesmen of the government. On the other hand, as the Standard points out, the opposition profess to be well satisfied with the debate as they believe it has injured the government and has rendered Lord Lansdowne's continuance at the war office difficult.

Wepener is to be garrisoned with a strong force from General Chermide's division, commanded by Lord Castleton. Henry W. Lucy, writing in the Daily News, says he has ascertained that Sir Alfred Milner's letter against ladies visiting South Africa was written as the result of an intimation from Queen Victoria.

## CAUSED THE BOERS TO RETREAT.

WARRENTON, Cape Colony, May 4.—A British six-inch wire gun was opened unexpectedly on the Boer laager yesterday at a distance of seven and one-half miles, throwing hundred pound shells with wonderful accuracy, and causing a hasty retreat of the Boers. The bombardment continued to-day at all points by howitzers and field guns, supported by two companies of mounted infantry. The Boers being driven from shelter and their guns being put